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## **BORDER PATROL AGENT STRUCK BY ALIEN SMUGGLER.**

**Dulzura, California:** A suspected alien smuggler was shot last night after running over a Border Patrol Agent. At approximately 9:00 p.m., two agents approached a suspicious vehicle in the vicinity of Honey Springs Road and Deerhorne Valley Road to investigate possible alien smuggling activity. The driver of the vehicle attempted to run the agents down, striking at least one agent. The agent, or possibly his partner, in an effort to defend themselves against further attack fired several shots at the vehicle. The driver was struck in the face and upper body. The agents detained the driver and several suspected undocumented aliens; three of which were being transported in the trunk of the vehicle.

The agent and three suspects, which includes the alleged smuggler, were transported to Sharp's Hospital for medical treatment. An investigation is being conducted by a team comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the San Diego Sheriff's Office and the Border Patrol's Critical Incident Investigative Team.

No further information is available.